

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE  
RATIONALIZED TRAWL FISHERY

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) heard a presentation from Dr. Sean Matson on the Annual Catch Report for the Shorebased Individual Fishing Quota program for 2011-2012. The report was thorough and we appreciated the information that was shared.

The GAP would like to take this opportunity to note that the attainment of many non-whiting annual catch limits (ACLs) such as Dover remains low and that the cumulative attainment for all non-whiting species combined is less than 30 percent. This report demonstrates that we are not achieving optimum yield for many of our individual quota species. The GAP believes that artifacts from previous management regime regulations are preventing higher attainment of some of the ACLs. The GAP once again encourages the Council and National Marine Fisheries Service to prioritize the trawl trailing amendments, which will result in the trawl fleet's ability to achieve higher attainments of quota and extract more value out of this fishery and to also free up time to address non-trawl management issues.

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